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AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.115

In response to the Official Action mailed May 29, 1998, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims and to further examine the application in view of the following amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.